

TYCO 17732 (AT 20958-2041)
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Remarks

This communication responds to the Office Action dated November 19, 2004, wherein claims 1-7, 9, 11-17, 19-27 and 29-31 were rejected as being anticipated by, or unpatentable over, prior art, and claims 18 and 28 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

The Examiner stated that claims 18 and 28 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's statement regarding allowable subject matter. Accordingly, independent claims 12 and 22 have been amended by incorporating therein all of the limitations of claims 18 and 28, respectively.

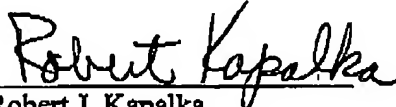
Claims 1-11, 18-20 and 28-30 have been canceled.

Amendments have been made throughout the claims with regard to formal matters.

Applicants believe that the claims presented are in form for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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